

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE DESIGN SECTION**

PROJECT NOS.: 5-109 & 91-119

DATE: May 27, 2009

ROUTE: 181 over West Branch Farmington River (Bridge No. 01496)

TOWN: Barkhamsted

ROUTE: 219 over East Branch Farmington River (Bridge No. 01561)

TOWN: New Hartford

LOCATION OF MEETING: Senior Center in the Town Hall
530 Main Street
New Hartford

MEETING STARTED AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENTATION:

A presentation lasting about 25 minutes was delivered by Joseph Cancelliere concerning the proposed bridge rehabilitation projects. The design presentation was followed by a short presentation regarding the Department's Rights of Way acquisition process by Michael Marzi.

The following items were included in the presentation:

- State Project No. 05-109 in the Town of Barkhamsted consists of localized steel repairs, installation of concrete end blocks at four corners of the bridge, upgrade of approach guide railing to the latest safety standards, abrasive blast cleaning and field painting of Bridge No. 01496.
- State Project No. 91-119 in New Hartford consists of localized steel repairs, upgrade of approach guide railing, and abrasive blast cleaning and field painting of Bridge No. 01561. Additionally, the railing that is currently attached to the inside face of the thru truss will be removed and mounted on an independent base support system.
- The blast cleaning and painting operations will be performed in a negative air pressure containment structure so that all paint debris and blast material will be collected for proper waste disposal.
- The projects are being combined to create a competitive bidding environment and to better control contractor operations during construction.
- Both bridges are proposed to be constructed in one construction season.
- The Barkhamsted Bridge will remain open to traffic at all times during construction with restrictions during off-peak hours.

- The New Hartford Bridge will be closed during construction and traffic will be detoured away from the bridge onto State Routes.
- A temporary easement will be acquired adjacent to the Barkhamsted structure on MDC property to provide a staging area for the contractor.

Approximately 13 individuals from the General Public attended the meeting with local Officials from the towns of Barkhamsted and New Hartford. The following concerns were brought up by the attendees:

- Time of year for the closing of the New Hartford Bridge (fall season) conflicts with traffic resulting from start up activities at the Ski Resort.
- Closing of the New Hartford Bridge potentially delays emergency response to the east side of the Farmington River.
- The amount of construction activities on the two bridges and the ability to complete all the work in one construction season as opposed to planning for a two year construction contract.
- The ability to keep the New Hartford Bridge open to traffic during construction.
- The ability to construct a bypass structure to provide vehicular bypass while the New Hartford Bridge is closed to traffic.

Attendees were reminded that they have until June 19, 2009 to submit additional comments to the Department. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.